

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Remaining missions in 2000 focus on ISS



STS-101 crew wrap up CEIT activities



▲ **Shuttle Update:** Five Shuttle launches have been identified for 2000. The first, STS-99, has been completed. STS-101 is targeted for April 13; STS-106 for NET Aug. 19; STS-92 and STS-97 should follow later in the year. All but the first are Space Station assembly missions.

▲ **Mission News:** Over the weekend, the STS-101 crew completed Crew Equipment Interface Test activities, in preparation for their April launch. The crew of seven comprises Commander James Halsell, Pilot Scott Horowitz, and Mission Specialists Mary Ellen Weber, James Voss, Jeffrey Williams, Susan Helms and Yuri Usachev.

◆ **FEW Space Coast Chapter Membership Meeting and Celebration of Women's History Month :** FEW Space Coast Chapter will meet at 5 p.m. March 13, at El Leoncito, 3800 U. S. Highway 1, Titusville. FEW provides training for KSC employees and participates in many community outreach activities. Proceeds from the yearly training seminar provide scholarships to dependents of employees at the Space Center and local students. New members are welcome to assist in providing this training and participating in the functions of the chapter. Membership is open to both women and men, civil servants and contractor employees, in the public and private sector. Please contact Aneta Ott at 867-2737 or Vickie Hall at 867-7995 for more information. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Aneta Ott via phone or e-mail to Aneta.Ott-1@ksc.nasa.gov no later than Friday, March 9.

◆ **To continue with the celebration of the "First 50 Years of Launches,"** Space Gateway Support (SGS) is hosting a one-day event, "The Cape Before Rockets," on March 11 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All employees and the general public are invited to view up close the outside of the Lighthouse (the inside is closed to the public) located on CCAFS. Artists, photographers, and historians are especially welcome. Hangar C next door to the Lighthouse will have exhibits, along with speakers, tours, food and beverages. Mark Lander from Lite Rock will deejay from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.. Entrance is through the CCAFS south gate only. Admission is FREE. If you want more information, contact Debbie Allison at 476-3586, or Sam Gutierrez at 835-7061.



◆ **Can You Lend A Hand?** The FIRST robotic competition being held March 9-11 at the Visitor Complex is in need of volunteers on March 9 and 10. FIRST is an organization that pairs high school students and corporation mentors to build robots for competition in athletic-type contests. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of 4 hours per shift, and must attend a mandatory orientation dinner Tuesday, March 7. If interested, please call Patricia Ermerins at 867-2363, or send an e-mail to Patricia.Ermerins-1@ksc.nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know?** As part of its safety initiatives, KSC maintains and operates three on-site occupational medicine clinics with a wide range of services required to address on-the-job hazards and chemical exposures.

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